

# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

#### Busy Weekend in Snohomish

This will be a busy event weekend in Snohomish. Kla Ha Ya Days has kicked off their new Spring Festival with a carnival at Snohomish Station near Home Depot that opened Thursday and will operate through Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Festival will host a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and a Lite BBQ Competion on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> on Cedar Avenue between First Street and Pearl Street. The events are open to the public from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Le Gourmet Depot will offer samples of chili on Saturday and BBQ on Sunday. The event will also have a Beer and Wine garden featuring some of Snohomish's local liquid artists. More information about the events can be found at <a href="https://www.KlaHaYaDays.com">www.KlaHaYaDays.com</a>.

Also on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. is the Earth Day Celebration presented by merchants in Historic Downtown Snohomish. The Celebration will be held in the Avenue A cul de sac south of First Street near the Gazebo. Vendors and music will be on tap for you to enjoy.

We are all looking forward to seeing you this weekend. Let's hope the sun will shine on these great community gatherings.

### Potential Sign Code Amendments

The Snohomish Planning Commission will be considering limited amendments to the sign code at its May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Potential amendments focus on sign regulations for religious and non-public educational facilities in residential zones. Currently, the Snohomish Municipal Code limits the sign area for most land uses in residential zones to 12 square feet each for a building sign and a freestanding sign. However, public land uses such as public schools in residential zones are permitted to have a 24 square foot freestanding sign and a 16 square foot building sign. Public use signs are also permitted to be internally illuminated and have changeable messages, such as reader boards, where signs for private schools, churches, and other private uses are not.

This item was initiated by request to the City Council from a local parochial school that would like to install a sign comparable to the public elementary schools in town. The City Council directed staff and the Planning Commission to review the issue and return with recommendations. This will be the Planning Commission's second discussion of this topic.

The Planning Commission will meet at the George Gilbertson Boardroom in the Snohomish School District Resource Center, 1601 Avenue D, at 7:00 p.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Planning Commission's May agenda will be posted on the City's website on April 26, at <a href="http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/Agendas.htm">http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/Agendas.htm</a>. Please contact Planning Manager Owen Dennison at (360) 282-3173 or by email at <a href="mailto:dennison@ci.snohomish.wa.us">dennison@ci.snohomish.wa.us</a> if you have any questions.

#### Aquatic Center Hits Big Milestone

The Aquatic Center project hit a big milestone with completion of the roof truss installation over the Natatorium where the competition pool, leisure pool, surf rider, and water features are located as shown on the picture below. There continue to be miscellaneous steel connections and bracing to be installed on the roof trusses, which will occur for a number of weeks. Following this work, the roof deck covering and roofing system will be installed. The masonry wall erection at the locker rooms, staff areas, and lobby is one week away from completion. The pool shells are complete, although the finish work on the pool surfaces will be completed once the roof and other overhead work are done. According to the Snohomish School District the project is on schedule for substantial completion October 18, 2013.



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## My Classic Car with Dennis Gage Snohomish Classic Car & Hot Rod Display



The Snohomish Chamber of Commerce proudly announces that *My Classic Car with Dennis Gage* will air the 2012 Snohomish Classic Car & Hot Rod Display episode on Sunday, April 28, 2013

at 7:00 p.m. on the Speed Channel. See Dennis with owner interviews, featured cars and trucks, and great footage of Historic Downtown Snohomish. Check local listings for your area viewing.

The 2013 Snohomish Classic Car and Hot Rod Display is scheduled for September 29, 2013, downtown Snohomish, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Beginning May 10, 2013, the entry pre-registration form and information will be available at <a href="https://www.cityofsnohomish.com">www.cityofsnohomish.com</a>. We are excited to feature, at this year's event, the drawing for the winner of the Valley General Hospital Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary raffle car, a 1964 Daytona Blue Corvette Stingray.

#### Snohomish Chamber Volunteer Awards

Snohomish Chamber of Commerce

Youth of the Year

2012 Snohomish Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year







Snohomish Fire Explorers Post #444



Ray Cook

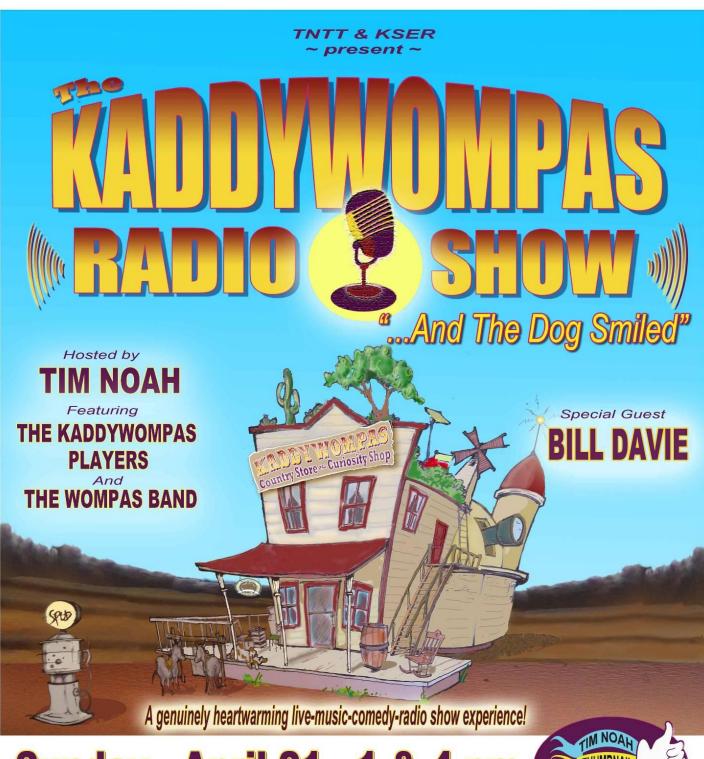
On April 16th, at the monthly Snohomish Chamber of Commerce Membership meeting luncheon, Mayor Karen Guzak presented the City Council Proclamation declaring that April be dedicated as Volunteer Service Recognition Month. Chamber President, Eldon Wexler presented three special 2012 volunteer awards and was assisted by Vice-President Rod Ashley and Secretary Marci Volmer in recognizing 18 local service clubs and organizations.

Ed Poquette received the Volunteer of the Year award for his volunteer service to the Chamber, current president of the Historic Downtown Snohomish Association, Past President and volunteer for the Snohomish Garden Club, and Snohomish Parks Foundation president for two years. Ed has nearly always been involved in running or working with professional and non-profit organizations and has kicked up those efforts after retiring a couple of years ago.

The Snohomish Fire District 4's Snohomish Fire Explorers Post #444 received the Youth of the Year Award. The Snohomish Chamber Board of Directors chose the Snohomish Fire Explorers to receive the Youth of the Year award for invaluable volunteer hours given as Barricade Security for both the Chamber Easter Parade and Classic Car and Hot Rod Display. We congratulate this youth program for exemplifying the high standards of professionalism of Snohomish Fire District 4.

Ray Cook was presented the Spirit of Snohomish award. This award is given to a person who exemplifies an individual who is dedicated to improving the community of Snohomish and who gives hours of service to the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce. Ray was President of the Chamber for two years, a long time Board Member, and served on the Chamber's Economic Development Committee. Ray is an active Board member and President of the Snohomish Affordable Housing Group for three years. Their work has given this community affordable housing for hundreds of citizens and most recently he was very instrumental in seeing the 25 unit senior housing project built next to our Senior Center. Ray has been the Chairperson of the Snohomish Classic Car and Hot Rod Display for 18 years, Easter Parade volunteer, and continues, after 15 years, to serve as the Salmon BBQ Grill King at the Chamber's annual Member Appreciation Salmon BBQ.

Parks and Recreation Board
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